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SUBJ: TALKING POINTS ON NAMIBIA FOR OAU MEMBERS AND OTHERS

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1. FRG AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS PLUS AMERICAN CHARGE BRIEFED
ACTING EPMG FONMIN MAJ. DAWIT WOLDE-GHIORGIS AFTERNOON JUNE
21 ON NAMIBIA PER PARAS 1-9 OF REFTEL (A). ACTUAL BRIEFING
DONE BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR WITH OCCASIONAL INTERJECTIONS
FROM GERMAN.

2. DAWIT ASKED NO QUESTIONS, BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
BRIEFING AND ALSO EXPRESSED EPMG APPRECIATION FOR CONTACT
GROUP INITIATIVE. SAID ETHIOPIA DID NOT TRUST VORSTER,
AND ITS PREFERRED SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
IS ARMED STRUGGLE, BUT ETHIOPIA NONETHELESS APPRECIATES
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PARALLEL EFFORTS TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION. HE SAID HE
WOULD GET MESSAGE OFF IMMEDIATELY TO ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION
IN LIBREVILLE.

3. FRG AMBASSADOR TOOK OCCASION TO PASS ON TO DAWIT
SUMMARY OF VIEWS OF SWAPO AND TURNHALLE GROUPS FROM WINDHOEK
(HE HAD APPARENTLY RECEIVED VOLUMINOUS REPORTS),

STRESSED IMPORTANT OF SWAPO SUPPORT, AND DESIRABILITY OF SUPPORT FOR CONTACT GROUP INITIATIVE FROM OAU AFTER OR DURING LIBREVILLE SUMMIT. CHARGE'S CHIEF CONTRIBUTION WAS SUBSTANCE OF REF (B).

4. FRG AMBASSADOR HAD PREVIOUSLY BRIEFED OAU SEC GEN ETEKI ON JUNE 20 (REF A), DAY BEFORE ETEKI'S DEPARTURE FOR LIBREVILLE. ACCORDING AMBASSADOR, ETEKI APPRECIATED BRIEFING, WISHED CONTACT GROUP GOOD LUCK AND ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. HE DID INQUIRE ABOUT NECESSITY FOR BOTH ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND UN SPECIAL REP, AND I GATHER FRG AMBASSADOR GAVE HIM SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.

5. COMMENT: ALL OF CONTACT GROUP REPS HERE EXCEPT POSSIBLY CANADIAN, WHO WAS A LITTLE VAGUE, RECEIVED AGREED-UPON NEW YORK TALKING POINTS, BUT ALL OF US INCLUDING MYSELF (UNTIL ARRIVAL REFTEL C) WERE UNSURE OF HOW CAPITALS WISHED BRIEFING TO BE HANDLED, ALTHOUGH FRENCH UNDERSTOOD IT WAS TO BE COLLECTIVE. WE THEREFORE REACHED OUR OWN COMPROMISE.

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